

Status of the Iowa Workforce and Economy

Upcoming 2019 News Release Schedule

Reference Month	Statewide News Release	Local Area News Release
Jan	Mar 11	Mar 11
Feb	Mar 22	Mar 26
Mar	Apr 19	Apr 23
Apr	May 17	May 21
May	Jun 21	Jun 25
Jun	Jul 19	Jul 23
Jul	Aug 16	Aug 20
Aug	Sep 20	Sep 24
Sep	Oct 18	Oct 22
Oct	Nov 19	Nov 19
Nov	Dec 20	Dec 24
Dec	Jan 24	Jan 28

Iowa Nonfarm Employment Seasonally Adjusted

Year	Month	Iowa Statewide Employment	Manufacturing Employment
2018	Jun	1,584,500	222,400
	Jul	1,584,700	223,100
	Aug	1,582,600	222,700
	Sep	1,582,500	223,700
	Oct	1,588,300	225,800
	Nov	1,589,900	227,400
	Dec	1,593,400	228,100
2019	Jan	1,593,900	228,600

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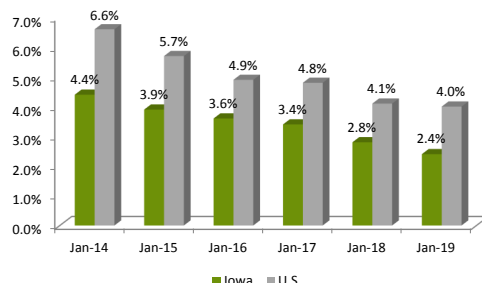
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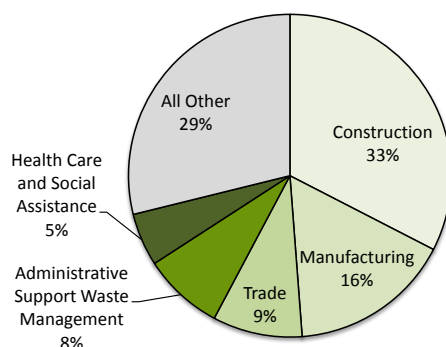
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Iowa and U.S. Unemployment Rates January 2014 - 2019



- Iowa's unemployment rate remained at 2.4 percent in January. The state's jobless rate was 2.8 percent one year ago.
- The state's total employment level increased to 1,654,400 in January from 1,651,200 in December.
- The U.S. unemployment rate rose to 4.0 percent in January.

Regular UI Benefits by Industry January 2018 Through December 2018



- Construction accounted for 33 percent of UI benefits paid during both 2017 and 2018.
- Manufacturing's share of UI benefits decreased from 22 percent in 2016 to 18 percent in 2017 and 16 percent in 2018.

- Iowa establishments began the year by adding a slight 500 jobs. This is the fourth consecutive increase for the state.
- Private sectors combined to lose 300 jobs. This is the first private sector monthly job loss since August.
- Manufacturing continued to trend upward in January with an increase of 500 jobs. The last time manufacturing lost jobs was August.
- Construction shed 400 jobs this month and has cooled substantially over the past three months.
- Retail trade again edged down (-400) following a slight gain of 100 in December. This was the first monthly gain since September of 2017.
- Iowa's total nonfarm employment is now up 13,900 jobs versus last January. Manufacturing continues to fuel job growth (+8,800) while brick-and-mortar retail shops continue to struggle (-3,300 annually).
- Nationally, total nonfarm employment advanced by 304,000 jobs in January. The largest gains were in leisure and hospitality (+74,000) and construction (+52,000).

Iowa Total Nonfarm Employment January 2018 - January 2019

